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Thursday	... 11.5 p.m.	—5.2 a.m.
Friday	... 11.4 p.m.	—5.3 a.m.
Saturday	... 11.4 p.m.	—5.4 a.m.
Sunday	... 11.4 p.m.	—5.5 a.m.
Monday	... 11.3 p.m.	—5.6 a.m.

COL. WITTS' BROADCAST

BOOST FOR THANET HOME GUARD

Lt.-Col. C. S. F. Witts, of Margate, who commands the 6th Batt. Kent Home Guard, which embraces all the Thanet towns, broadcast in the B.B.C. Home Service programme on Sunday.

Col. Witts took part in the fifth edition of "County Magazine," Kent being the county selected for Sunday's broadcast.

The programme opened with a description of the ceremony of the turning of a page each day in the roll of honour in the Warriors' Chapel at Canterbury Cathedral, and there were brought to the microphone men connected with sheep farming on the Romney Marsh, hop farming and other aspects of rural life in the county.

"Kent never has been beaten and never will," said the announcer before Col. Witts' voice came over the air.

"I am proud of my battalion of the Home Guard as we occupy front line positions on a coast facing Jerry, although if anything happened the front line might be anywhere and everywhere," said Col. Witts. "At the very beginning, in the days of the L.D.V., the men went up on the cliffs armed with catapults, pokers, scythes and all manner of weapons of that sort as their forefathers had done in the past.

"We only had 100 rifles for 900 men. That was when the Army was coming back from Dunkirk. As a retired major I had my old Territorial uniform, so I put it on and went down to the pier of a certain town in my car. There were a great number of rifles lying about, so without asking anyone's permission I filled the car with them and as much ammunition as I could collect again and again. All I cared about at that time was that the L.D.V. should be armed, because it seemed to me then that we were going to be the first to meet Jerry. When I gave the men their rifles and ammunition they said 'We'll tackle anybody now.'

Bitter Against Germans.

"Our fellows generally are very bitter against the Germans. There has been a certain amount of activity around these coasts, and men, women and children have been killed.

"My second in command is a brewer, one of my company commanders is a retired police sergeant. Two others are bank officials and another is a farmer. A town clerk is a private, a sergeant a corporation dustman, and an old Boer War soldier a lieutenant. He is a milkman who is a first-class shot, having won the Kent championship three times in succession.

"We have from the very beginning worked in close co-operation with the regular Army, training being carried out by regular Army instructors. As far as possible we insist on every detail being perfect.

"When Mr. Churchill, the Prime Minister, came down I had the honour to meet him. He came up to me with his cigar in his mouth and said 'Well, what kind of enemy you are up against. One who perfects his arrangements to the last detail. Have you seen any of his rescue boats in the Channel? When a Nazi airman comes down, climbs on board with a vet body and gets the bottle of brandy he'll drink some, not much caring where the cork goes, so that when a Nazi airman No. 2 crawls on board the strength has gone out of the brandy. But, oh no, the Germans have taken care of that. Each bottle has two corks. You go back and tell your fellows to perfect their arrangements to the last detail.'

"We have a range on the cliffs for the Home Guard to practice on Sunday nights where there is usually a good master. Lt. Jarman makes the targets for practice. Recently he gave up four coupons to buy red flags for his range, saying 'Well, there goes my shirt.'

"Such is the enthusiasm of the local Home Guard."

WRONG MAN SUMMONED

LIGHT AT N.F.S. PREMISES

A light which was alleged to have shone after black-out from a building adjoining N.F.S. premises at Fairfield House, Broadstairs, led to a complication at the Cinque Ports police court, Margate, on Monday.

Edwin Henry Matthew, an officer of the N.F.S., who was summoned in respect of the light, said he had since been instructed that he should not have accepted responsibility for the light, and that the divisional officer, who was in the position of being tenant of the premises, was responsible. The divisional officer had issued instructions that the summons should be transferred to him.

Inspr. Hann said that if defendant's senior officer wanted to accept responsibility he could very well pay any fine which might be imposed.

The bench dismissed the summons and ordered that a fresh summons should be issued against the person responsible.

C. HAWES
The Dairy
Northwood, Ramsgate

Begs to inform his patrons that, having been called to join the Forces, his business will still be carried on in his absence as usual by his wife and usual staff.

DESPERATE FOR MONEY

ABSENTEE ROBS ELECTRIC LIGHT METER

An absentee from his unit, Pte. Cyril Edward Solly, aged 18, of the Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment, pleaded guilty at Ramsgate police court on Monday to stealing 9s. in money from an electric light meter at 40 Duncan-road the previous Friday.

P/C Foster said he went to 40 Duncan-road on Friday and examined an electric light meter, the padlock of which had been forced off. The container was empty. At 1 a.m. the following morning he saw Solly but he denied all knowledge of the matter. He again denied having anything to do with it later in the morning but at 12.30 p.m. said "All right, I will tell you about it." Defendant then made a statement.

In the statement defendant said he left his unit, although he did not have leave, with the intention of visiting his mother at Ramsgate. He hitchhiked to Ramsgate but when he arrived his mother said he could not stay at the house. He remained in Ramsgate until Friday, when he ran short of money. He went to his mother's house and gained entry through the back door, which was open. His mother was not in. He was desperate for money so he forced the electric light meter and took the contents, amounting to about 7s. He then left the house and went to Sandwich. He went to apologise for the trouble he had caused.

Defendant told the magistrates he was desperate for money and did not know what he was doing.

Announcing that he would be fined £1, the Chairman (Mr. H. T. Perry) said the sentence would have been very different were it not for the fact that Solly would be returning to his unit. He would await the arrival of an escort.

TIGHTENING UP

CIVIL DEFENCE PETROL

An extensive report dealing with petrol consumption by Civil Defence vehicles is to be submitted to Ramsgate Town Council on Thursday.

The special sub-committee of the Civil Defence Committee, which investigated the matter at the request of the Council, seem to have had some difficulty in arriving at a conclusion as to the reasonableness or otherwise of petrol consumed in view of the inadequacy of the records which have been kept, and they make various recommendations to cover the situation.

Generally, in relation to the Rescue and Demolition vehicles for March and April, the sub-committee found no occasion to think that any of the usage was improper or unreasonable. They had had placed before them a table showing petrol used for the month of May, which showed a marked decrease.

Among the recommendations made by the sub-committee were the following:

That the tanks of all vehicles should be filled with petrol at the end of every month and that the contents of each tank at the end of each month should be definitely checked and recorded;

That in future the records submitted to the Council shall show the petrol consumed in respect of each vehicle during the month, instead of petrol issued;

That the general practice of warming up vehicles each day be discontinued forthwith;

That with a view to economising in petrol used on journeys for obtaining petrol, the appropriate officers be instructed to issue directions to limit to an absolute minimum the number of vehicles which are used each week for routine purposes, and that wherever possible the issue of petrol from the Princes-street depot be made less frequently than once weekly;

That in future records be kept of bulk petrol stocks at the end of each month and deliveries to cars checked monthly with the log sheets;

That in future particulars be submitted monthly in respect of each vehicle on the lines of the form now produced which has recently been devised for the purposes of the police cars, together with any additional particulars the appropriate officers may consider necessary:

That the Council approve of the conveyance when necessary of the Acting District Nurses for visiting patients, but that the practice of taking personnel to lectures be discontinued except in the case of personnel on duty at the time of the call or journey be required to take up "Action Stations" at a moment's notice;

That the Council approve of the use of a civil defence car for the payment of wages to personnel at the various depots and posts once weekly:

That copies of the detailed report on the condition of each vehicle which have been called for by the Regional Commissioner be furnished to the sub-committee for their information;

That the sub-committee continue in existence to make further reports to the Council within their terms of reference.

NAVY SUNDAY

ARCHBISHOP'S VISIT TO THANET

The visit to Thanet on Sunday, 19th July, of the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr. William Temple, will coincide with the Day of Thankful Remembrance of the men of the Navy and the Merchant Navy.

The Archbishop will preach at services to be held at St. John's Church, Margate, at 11 a.m., St. George's, Ramsgate, at 3 p.m., and St. Mary's, Minster, at 6.30 p.m.

THE YOUNG IDEA

AGED 8½ WANTS TO JOIN THE NAVY

On Sunday afternoon a Broadstairs boy, aged 8½ years, arrived at Ramsgate. He had made the trip over on his fairy cycle.

Presenting himself at one of the police barriers, the boy said he wanted to join the Navy or the Sea Scouts.

So impressed was an officer with the keenness and enthusiasm of the boy that a privilege was extended to him which must have been the envy of all other boys who saw it.

Since the would-be sailor is as yet too young to join the Senior Service, he was sent home with a naval escort.

ASSOCIATED WITH BOYS

MARGATE MAN SENT TO PRISON

Described by the judge as a "person with a nasty predilection for boys," Horace Henry Town, aged 24, of Daneroad, Margate, was sentenced to nine months imprisonment in the second division at the Kent Assizes last week.

Town was found not guilty of attempting to procure the commission of an act of indecency with a boy of 16 but guilty on an alternative charge of inciting the boy to commit such an act.

The case for the prosecution was that Town approached the boy at his work and asked him for some brass cuttings for his rabbits. He later took the boy to an empty public-house and there made a disgusting suggestion. The boy immediately went straight home and the police were informed.

Town denied that he went into the empty premises with the boy and suggested the reason the boy made the allegations against him was that he refused to give him any money for the grass, which he had not received.

D/I Cory said Town was convicted of an indecent assault on a male person in 1935 and bound over. He joined the Army in 1934 and was discharged early this year with an indifferent character "on ceasing to fulfil the Army physical requirements." He was well known to the local police and was known to associate with boys.

Pleading for leniency, Town said with-in 25 days of voluntarily joining the Army he was in France. Heavy bombing at Dunkirk affected his nerves and he was in hospital for some months.

Passing sentence, Mr. Justice Humphreys said Town had been convicted of inciting a boy of 16—" who struck me as being a very decent lad "—to commit an act of gross indecency. It was in his favour that he made no attempt to detain the boy when the boy made it clear he wanted nothing to do with him. That was to his credit, but that he possessed those proclivities there could be no doubt. He understood that his nerves were affected by the war and that being so it was desirable in his own interests, as well as in the interests of the public and small boys, that he should go for a period where he could not do that.

NO STRIP TEASE

SALVAGE DRIVE BALL

Every civilian who attends a salvage drive ball to be held at the West Cliff Theatre, Ramsgate, on 23rd July, will have to take four books.

In return for the books a shilling will be deducted from the admission fee.

When Mr. R. J. Costerton, Entertainments Manager, made application to Ramsgate magistrates on Monday for an extension of the music and dancing license until 12.30 a.m., the Magistrates' Clerk (Mr. E. A. Knight) asked if the dancers had to go clothed in salvage.

Mr. Costerton replied that they must bring four books, or the equivalent of four books. The charge for admission would be a shilling less than for the usual late-night dances.

Mr. Knight: How ingenious. Can they bring an iron railing or two?

Mr. Costerton: I am afraid they are all gone.

The magistrates granted the application and also the application of Mr. W. G. Love for an occasional license for the intoxicating liquors from 7.30 p.m. until 12.30 a.m.

BOROUGH OF RAMSGATE

APPLICATIONS are invited from persons not eligible for military service for the appointment of temporary male clerk at the A.R.P. Headquarters—salary £4 6s. 0d. per week. Experience in Civil Defence administration and a knowledge of shorthand and typewriting will be an advantage. Applications in hand-writing giving age and full particulars of past experience must be accompanied by copies of two recent testimonials and reach the undersigned, endorsed "Temporary Clerk," not later than Wednesday, 8th July, 1942.

Applicants must disclose whether to their knowledge they are related to any member of or the holder of any senior office under the Council.

H. G. CURTIS
Town Clerk.

26th June, 1942.

COUNCIL COMMITTEES

COUNCILLOR BUTLER'S NOTICE OF MOTION

Councillor J. B. Butler wants the public to know more about what happens at meetings of the committees of Ramsgate Town Council.

The following notice of motion, in the name of Councillor Butler, appears on the agenda for the monthly meeting of the Council to be held at Clarendon House on Thursday:

"That a copy of all resolutions or recommendations passed by any Council in committee, committee or sub-committee be forwarded to the local press within 24 hours of such resolution or recommendation having been passed."

ON THE FARMS

HARVEST CAMP FOR THANET CHILDREN

With the consent of their parents, a number of Thanet children will return to Kent during the last three weeks in August to help gather in the harvest.

The Kent Education Committee, in conjunction with the Kent War Agricultural Committee, are arranging for a harvest camp to be held at Minster, with headquarters at Minster school.

The camp will be organised and supervised by teachers, efficient cooks will be provided, and extra rations will be issued in view of the outdoor work.

Boys will have expenses paid and also some pocket money.

EMPIRE MEDAL

AWARD TO BROADSTAIRS FIRE OFFICER

In recognition of his resourcefulness and meritorious service in connection with the Auxiliary Fire Service and the National Fire Service, Mr. Leonard E. Lowings, formerly Deputy Commandant of Broadstairs A.F.S., has been awarded the British Empire Medal (Civil Division).

Mr. Lowings, who is now a Column Officer in the N.F.S. at Maidstone, lived at Tralee, Stanley-road, Broadstairs.

ALWAYS ENOUGH AIRMEN

CAPT. BALFOUR'S ASSURANCE

However great the production of aircraft by ourselves and America it is believed there will always be sufficient pilots and crews to man them, said Capt. H. H. Balfour, M.P. for Thanet, Parliamentary Under-Secretary for Air.

Capt. Balfour has just returned from the Commonwealth Air Training Conference in Canada.

There were in Canada about 170 training schools and 150 aerodromes. Over 1,000,000 miles a day were flown during training.

At one of the United States schools, which were co-ordinating with our own, it had been possible to fly 363 days of the year.

Capt. Balfour said 1,000-bomber raids would not have been possible but for the work that had been done under the Empire training scheme.

PERFORMING RIGHTS

In connection with the debate at the June meeting of Ramsgate Town Council concerning the payment of fees to the Performing Right Society in respect of wireless programmes at British Restaurants, the society have forwarded to the Editor a copy of a letter sent by the general manager of the society, Mr. C. F. James, to the Town Clerk of Ramsgate.

The letter, which reiterates the points made by Mr. James in a letter to "The Spectator," published in our last issue, adds:

As there appears to be some misapprehension regarding the constitution of this society, may I explain that it is not a commercial organisation. It is the trustee for some 30,000 composers and authors, their widows, children and other representatives, and it makes no profit for itself. It has no share capital. It charges no entrance fee or membership subscription. Its board of directors—elected by the members from among their own number—receive no payment for their services. It does not buy or sell its members' performing rights but simply licenses them on the members' behalf. All the license fees collected are distributed among the members in proportion to the extent to which the works are performed, and there is no deduction beyond the bare cost of administration and an annual contribution towards the society's benevolent Fund for the assistance of necessitous members or their widows and dependents.

Golden Wedding.—Mr. and Mrs. Robert Greenwood, of Eaglemere, Broadstairs, at present living at Stokesley, North Riding, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on Sunday.

VICTORY

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Mrs. PILCHER,
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IN GERMAN HANDS

RAMSGATE MAN A PRISONER

Sig. Richard Cecil Ford, R.A., second son of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Ford, of 64 Alexandra-road, Ramsgate, is, according to enemy sources, a prisoner of war in German hands.

Mr. and Mrs. Ford first heard the news when a friend showed them a report in a national newspaper, quoting an enemy broadcast.

Twenty-five years of age, Sig. Ford joined the forces ten years ago and has served overseas for the past six years. He served first on the North-West Frontier and later in North Africa, where he was wounded. An old boy of Hereson School, Sig. Ford was employed at a local brickfield before joining the forces.

Mr. and Mrs. Ford have three other sons serving. They are Gnr. John Ford, R.A., A/B Len Ford, R.N., and George Ford, who is a member of the Home Guard.

MRS. ADA GEORGE

DEATH AT RAMSGATE

A resident in the town for over 40 years, Mrs. Ada George, of 153 Margate-road, Ramsgate, passed away on Sunday morning at the age of 72 years.

Born in London, Mrs. George came to Ramsgate with her husband at the end of the last century and in 1911 he opened an oil and colour store in Chatham-street, where he was in business until his death in 1920.

Mrs. George leaves three sons, one of whom, Clifford, of The Buffs, is a prisoner of war in Italy. Another son, William, of the Royal Naval Division, was killed in Cambrai in 1918.

The funeral will take place at Ramsgate Cemetery on Thursday afternoon.

CHURCH SERVICES

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

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REV. STANLEY B. GREEN
Services 11 a.m. and 6.30 p.m.
Midweek Service Wednesdays, 7 p.m., in Church Parlour

You are warmly invited

BOROUGH OF RAMSGATE

The Fire Precautions (Residential Buildings) Order, 1942

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE REGIONAL COMMISSIONER has given a Direction whereby the Provisions of the above Order have been made applicable to ALL RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS in the BOROUGH OF RAMSGATE.

The Order provides—

(1) In cases where there is no access from a road to a residential building except through an outer gate that gate must not be locked.

(2) Either immediately inside or outside the main door, occupiers must provide not less than four gallons of water in one or more portable containers which can be readily used with a stirrup pump.

(3) When a building is vacant, at least one square foot of each window in any top floor must be left unobscured.

(4) Occupiers of vacant buildings may be required to supply information about methods of entry and to hand over a key of the main door to authorised persons.

For full particulars, occupiers are advised to refer to the Order, copies of which may be inspected at the Fire Watching Office, Clarendon House.

H. G. CURTIS
Town Clerk.

24th June, 1942.

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OUR COMPLETE SHORT STORY

THERE'S A PLACE FOR EVERYTHING

by EDWARD HIGGINS

Like all London taxi-drivers, Tom Yates has a nickname—quite apart from those the bus-drivers use when he suddently cuts-in to the pavement to pick up a fare. To his colleagues he is "Second-speed"—he is alleged to hug the edge of the pavement at a crawl when looking for a job. The badge he so proudly wears is numbered 471—which means he was one of the very first drivers on London's streets and is one of the very last of that honoured company to survive.

However far afield his jobs may take him, Tom usually seems to find his way back to the same Kensington rank, where his cab now stood.

He sat at the wheel with the engine running, for he was the first on the rank. It was nearly ten o'clock, a fine, starlit night, and not yet time to travel westwards for the gaffs to break—that is, for the theatres to empty. Tom smoked his pipe, at peace with the world.

His train of thought snapped as a hand was laid on the handle of the door behind him. Tom eyed his fare—and it was well worth looking at. He was a tall, powerfully-built young man—a farmer, perhaps; he wore a rather shapeless but obviously expensive tweed suit, and no hat. Even if Tom had been standing up he would have been dwarfed by this Colossus of a fellow. He seemed very agitated as he nervously ran his hands through his pockets.

"Where to, sir?" asked Tom, as the large young man stood there, still searching.

"I'm trying to find it," was the reply. "I've got the address here somewhere, written down."

Tom waited patiently. Then the man found what he sought and, from a waistcoat pocket, drew a crumpled half-sheet of notepaper.

"Take me to this address—and as quickly as you can, driver."

He handed the paper over, for Tom to read. Tom peered at it—for close-up work, the old eyes were not so good as they had been—but he deciphered the address thereon: 62 Maywell-gardens, Hampstead.

The young man was already in the cab, and the door closed with a force that rattled every rivet in the coachwork. Tom slipped the piece of paper in his pocket, and drew gently off the rank.

He swung the cab into Maywell-gardens, and, after a little difficulty, he found 62—a fairly large house, with a small, well-kept garden in front and a gravel path up to the door. Judging by the sounds which came from the house, laughter and jollity seemed to be the order of the day.

The large young man climbed out of the cab.

"Sure this is the address?" he asked.

Tom nodded. "Yessir, 62 Maywell-gardens. You're not too late fer yer party, neither."

The fare shook his head. "I haven't come to a party, driver," he replied, very seriously. "I think you'd better wait. I don't know quite what will happen . . . but I've come here to do a murder!"

Tom regarded him quite calmly. "Pity ter spoil a nice party," he remarked.

There was a steely glint in the young man's eye as he replied. "It's a great pity—for him!"

"I never think that sort o' thing does much good," went on Tom. "I don't want to poke me nose in, but isn't there a less painful way out of it—fer you, an' fer 'im?"

"I don't care about myself. He'll get no more than he deserves—sewer rats must be exterminated!"

He was working himself up into a fury. His hands alternately clenched and opened, and his unruly hair stood on end as it blew in the breeze. Tom felt that some remark was due from him.

"Now, guv'nor," he ventured, "you don't want ter go about murderin' people—whatever they done. I reckon their sins always find 'em out in the end, without us takin' the law into our own 'ands. What d'yer say I take you back 'ome ter sleep on it?"

"No, I tried to sleep on it last night—but I couldn't close my eyes for turning it over and over in my mind. I'm not mad, or acting on a sudden impulse, cabby—I'm coldly and deliberately exacting payment for a wrong."

"But two wrongs, y'know, don't make . . ."

"Perhaps not. But what I intend to do isn't just another wrong—it's a right! It's my duty to obliterate the reptile!"

"Well, if that's the way you think about it, what about leavin' me the gun—or whatever you brought along ter use on 'im?"

The young man shook his head. "I've no gun—I'm going to use these."

He brought up his great, strong hands—the fingers spread out and tensely hooked. Tom looked down at them and felt very sorry for the individual who found himself in that grasp.

From inside the house came music and laughing voices. Tom listened for a moment. He judged at least a dozen people to be in there, and half of them could be presumed to be men. This young fellow would therefore have quite a bit of opposition if he tried to carry out his threats, and Tom reckoned that the company present should be able to prevent fatalities.

So Tom nodded. "All right, guv'nor," he replied, with a grin, "you'd better go in an' do 'im. I'll wait 'ere."

The young man also nodded—very grimly. "I won't be long—and you can then take me to the police station."

"Right, guv'nor . . . by the way, if you should, by any chance, get a bit of a bashin' yerself, d'yer want ter go back ter Cromwell-road?"

Tom's queer customer ignored the question; he pushed open the gate and strode up the gravel path to the house. Tom climbed down from his cab and, lighting a cigarette, stood leaning against the near-side wing to watch developments.

The large young man dealt the door-knocker a couple of resounding clouts. The fun and laughter inside for one abrupt instant, entirely ceased. Then the voices broke out again in questions and exclamations.

Then the door opened and Tom's fare said not a word, but forced his way past. From the front room where the party was in progress, came only the sound of an adenoidic tenor, who wailed of his "Only love, my lonely love!"

"Where is Peter Manning?" boomed the voice of Tom's fare, in most determined tones.

Another voice answered him—an older, more mature voice. "I really can't tell you—and I'd like to know by what right you burst in here and . . . ?"

"By a right that's as old as history—to get revenge!" came the booming reply. "Fetch him out, or I'll search this place from cellars to roof!"

Tom could hear no more than a buzz of voices—angry voices, dignified voices, apologetic and nervous voices; deep, manly tones and shrill, feminine plaints.

The argument in the drawing-room lasted quite ten minutes, and Tom was still waiting for the screams. Then a chink of light showed in an upstairs room. Later another window betrayed light—but still there were no screams.

Then it seemed that the action returned to the ground floor. Perhaps, thought Tom, things had been smoothed out, and some explanation had been found to satisfy this violent-tempered visitor. Voices were now pitched in even, conversational tones, and things seemed to be easing up.

The front door opened again, and the voice of Tom's fare was heard:

"I don't know if I've made some mistake," he growled, "and if I have, I owe you an apology. But it may be you're just too clever for me; so if you see Peter Manning, you can tell him I came here to-night intent on murder—and it's lucky for him he wasn't here!"

Without another word he turned on his heel and marched down the path to where the taxi waited. Tom pitched his cigarette-end into the gutter and climbed to his seat. The large man got inside.

"Back to Kensington," he ordered.

At the corner of Cromwell-road there was a tap on the window. Tom pulled up. His fare alighted, glanced at the taxi-meter, and gave Tom a pound note.

"I hope this hasn't worried you, driver?" he said.

"Not me, sir," replied Tom. "When you've been on the job so long as I 'ave, yer learn ter take it all as it comes, an' not to ask questions."

"I think I owe you some explanation, all the same."

"Not if yer don't feel like it," Tom assured him.

For the first time since they had met, the young man smiled.

"I do feel like telling you," he insisted. "I went to that address tonight determined to kill this fellow Manning. I've got a younger brother, Donald. He got himself into a bit of a mess, and Manning helped him out—but only so that he could blackmail Don for the rest of his life. Don's only a lad, and he hadn't the sense to come to me and face up to it. Instead, he paid Manning every penny he could—and robbed his employers to pay him more.

"Yesterday Donald was sent to prison for twelve months for that—and Manning, the scoundrel, escapes scot-free. I just couldn't see him go to prison while Manning laughed—and looked around for another victim to take Don's place."

"'E sounds a nasty bit o' work—but p'raps it's as well 'e wasn't there."

The large young man nodded. "Ive been thinking it over as you drove me back, and I, too, am glad he wasn't there. I don't know if the people in that house were very clever, or whether they really did not know him—it was the address Don gave me, anyway."

Tom shook his head—he couldn't answer that one.

"Anyway," the young man went on, "I see now that it wouldn't help anyone to do as I intended. Manning's safe from me—I've let off all my steam."

"I'm glad o' that!" exclaimed Tom. "No good ever comes o' bein' drastic—your young brother'll need some 'elp an' encouragement when 'e comes out, an' you're the feller ter give it."

Tom, toying with the pound note, began counting out some coins.

"That'll be all right, driver—keep the change."

"Thanks very much, guv'nor! Best o' luck to you an' young Donald!"

"Thank you!—good-night!"

Tom watched him for a moment as he strolled off along Cromwell-road, then he put back in his pocket the silver he held in his hand. And, in doing so, his fingers found the half-sheet of notepaper on which was written the address at Hampstead. Tom brought it out, donned his spectacles, and, by the light of the taxi-meter lamp, studied the sheet of paper.

He whistled an exclamation. "Sixty-two Maywell-crescent," he muttered, "an' I took 'im ter Maywell-gardens! What an uninvited guest to 'ave turn up at yer birthday party! Never mind, if we'd gone ter the right place, someone'd certainly 'ave been 'urt!"

"The Athenæum Club, please!" piped a voice at Tom's elbow.

Tom turned with a start. "Yessir! —. . . yer ain't goin' ter do a murder, are yer?"

The clerical gentleman in silk hat and gaiters eyed him in amazement. "What do you mean, my man?"

"Nothin', sir!—just a little joke! Jump in!"

The End

The characters in this story are entirely imaginary. No reference is intended to any living person or to any public or private company.

HELPING THE ENEMY

LOOTERS SENTENCED

Soldiers who had been guilty of "assisting the enemy" by looting at south-east coast towns received sharp sentences at the hands of Mr. Justice Humphreys at Kent Assizes last week.

When 16 soldiers came up for sentence on Thursday, Maj. F. A. Stanley, Assistant Provost Marshal, mentioned that warnings had been given to troops in the district of the seriousness of looting.

The judge recalled that warnings had also been given at previous assizes when severe sentences were passed. It was extremely improbable, he said, that any soldier stationed on the south-east coast did not have some idea that looting was something a great deal more serious than the old Army failing of "scrounging." It was satisfactory to learn that the military authorities and the police had worked hand in hand to prevent looting but their joint effort had failed up to the present.

Continuing, the judge said "As soldiers you have taken advantage of being billeted in an area from which a great proportion of the inhabitants had been advised to leave their houses, and in fact had taken that advice, with the result that their houses were left furnished but untenanted and unguarded. You broke into those houses and appropriated property which among other things you, as soldiers, were stationed there to protect. Whether it has ever occured to any of you or not I don't know, but as soldiers you will realise the truth of it now I draw your attention to it, that you had been assisting the enemy, for you have been guilty of conduct likely to tend in the direction which the enemy is most anxious that it should, that is, to destroy the morale of the people of this country. Nothing can be more calculated to make people miserable and sick of the war and to say 'Oh, let's do anything to stop this war' than having been obliged to leave their homes and furniture and then find their houses stripped of everything. That is what people like you have been guilty of. That is why the court, however much individual judges may dislike the task, find themselves obliged to treat this kind of looting as a very serious crime indeed."

Five Years Penal.

Sentence of five years penal servitude was passed on L/Bdr. Colin Sidney Gay, aged 25, who was charged with stealing and looting at St. Augustine's Golf Club, Ebbsfleet, and at the Endcliffe Hotel, Margate. Gay admitted six other cases, which were taken into consideration.

Gnr. Donald Eric Victor Shepherd, aged 31, who was charged with being concerned with Gay in the offences at the golf club, was sentenced to 18 months hard labour.

In connection with the offences at St. Augustine's Golf Club, from which the two men were charged with stealing crockery, clothing belonging to members, and 19 golf balls, the principal witness at the police court proceedings was a soldier who spoke of visits to the club with Gay and Shepherd and said Gay threatened him when he said he would report the matter. He said Gay told him that twice he had taken articles home when he went on leave, including golfing jackets and some shoes.

Pte. Richard John Briggs, aged 20, was charged with breaking and entering Queensdown Farmhouse, Queensdown, and with breaking and entering and stealing various articles from 2 Marlowe-road, Margate. He was also charged with having firearms in his possession.

He was sentenced to three years hard labour on the housebreaking charges and six months, to run concurrently, on the firearms charge.

At the police court hearing it was stated that Briggs became friendly with a woman, whom he met on the sea front at Margate, and after she had gone away, broke into her home.

Caught while removing furniture in two Army lorries from a bungalow at Minster, Dvr. Frederick George Weston, aged 21, was sentenced to nine months hard labour, and Dvr. Lawrence Vivian Bonner, aged 18, to eight months hard labour.

Exceptional Case.

William Baynton Johnstone, lorry driver, formerly employed by the R.A.F., of Beaconsfield House, Haine, who was charged with stealing a quantity of tools and building material from an R.A.F. station, was bound over for two years.

At the police court hearing it was stated that at Johnstone's house a bathroom had been erected and equipped with material taken from the camp.

The judge said the case of Johnstone differed considerably from the others. As a civilian employee at an aerodrome he stole from a dump there and took what he wanted to repair his house, which was a flagrant beach of trust. He (the judge) was very impressed by the man's demeanour and good character and did not believe he was the kind of person who would have broken into another man's house to steal. **From documentary evidence before him Johnstone appeared to be a very gallant man. In a blitz he had put out a burning gas main, thus saving property, and on another occasion he had helped to save the crew from a burning plane.** He hoped that the leniency which he would extend to him would not be misunderstood. It was an exceptional case and he would take the exceptional course of binding him over for two years.

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OVER THE GARDEN WALL

MARGATE MAN SENT FOR TRIAL

The astuteness of two police officers who noticed marks on a garden wall resulted in the appearance at Margate police court on Wednesday of Stanley Wilfred Brown, aged 32, of Waverley-road, Margate.

Brown was charged on remand with breaking and entering 8 Waverley-road between 24th May and 14th June and stealing an oak-case clock, sewing machine, seven blankets, two quilts and other articles, value £58 19s. 6d., the property of Reginald George Lawrence.

There was a further charge of looting in an area subject to enemy attack.

Reginald George Lawrence, now living at Hertford, said he was the owner of 8 Waverley-road, Margate, which he left furnished in June, 1940. Mrs. Kelly, his mother-in-law, had the key of the house and looked after it. In consequence of a communication, he visited Margate police station on 23rd June and identified a number of articles as his property.

The Chief Constable (Mr. W. Palmer) said all the articles were recovered from accused's house. The articles were exhibited in court and included a large carpenter's chest, linen, crockery and glassware.

Mrs. Amy Louise Kelly, of Garrard-avenue, Margate, said when she visited her son-in-law's house on 24th May she left some of the casement windows on the catch for ventilation purposes. When she went there again three weeks later she found the house had been disturbed and articles were missing. The bathroom window, which was one she had left on the catch, was closed. She reported the matter to the police and was at the house when officers arrived. They went to the adjoining bungalow and returned with a child's silver knife, fork and spoon in a case which she identified as having been presented to her daughter when a child.

D/S Presland said he went to 8 Waverley-road with D/C Lilliott on the evening of 14th June. He found that the handle of the catch on the bathroom window was up, allowing the window to be opened or closed, and on the sill were chips of paint which had come from the window frame, near the catch. Mrs. Kelly gave him particulars of property which she knew to be missing, among the articles being a carpenter's chest, which had been in a back bedroom. Along the passage from this room to the front door was a mark, suggesting that something heavy had been dragged along. Outside a low brick wall divided the house from No. 6 and he found that the brickwork at the top was slightly chipped, while splinters of wood were adhering to the wall.

The Man Next Door.

Witness went next door with D/C Lilliott and saw the occupier, who was the defendant. He told him that someone had been in the next house and that a considerable amount of property was missing. Defendant said he had not seen or heard anyone about there. Witness told him that from an examination of the wall it seemed that a chest which was missing had been taken over it and asked if anything had been taken into his house. Defendant replied "No," and when asked if he would allow the officers to look over his house to satisfy themselves, as it was suspicious, he said "By all means." In the front room witness found a case in the sideboard containing a knife, fork and spoon. After showing it to Mrs. Kelly, he told defendant it had been identified as Mrs. Lawrence's property, whereupon defendant said "That's right. I have been a fool." He was asked if he had any other property there and said "Yes. I don't know what made me do it." Defendant collected a number of articles from his house which witness took to the police station. Two days later defendant voluntarily brought two baskets containing other articles to the police station.

Brown, who intimated that he had nothing to say, was committed for trial at the Sussex Assizes, which open at Lewes on 6th July.

The Chief Constable said he did not object to accused being released on bail. He was a married man and had been helpful to the police since the matter was discovered. His health was not as good as it might be.

Defendant was accordingly granted bail.

The Chairman (Mr. W. Booth Reeve), calling forward D/S Presland, said the magistrates wished to commend him on his action and the intelligence he had shown in handling the case.

D/C Lilliott, added the Chairman, was included in the commendation.

HOME GUARD FORTNIGHT

REGULAR TROOPS ASSIST

The fortnight's special training of the Home Guard has just ended. It is too early yet for its true value to be appreciated, but beyond all question the results will prove highly beneficial to all who participated.

So far as the county of Kent is concerned, the "fortnight" has been acclaimed enthusiastically as a great success by both regular and Home Guard alike, and now the Home Guard has settled down to assimilate the interesting and varied instruction which their brothers in the regular Army have provided.

There have been difficulties, of course. The period allotted for the fortnight clashed to some extent with the day to day jobs of many of the Home Guard volunteers who were engaged in agriculture, but these difficulties were smoothed out by the co-operation of the employers, and the enthusiasm of the men.

Consequently, we have seen miners and other shift workers turning up for training at all hours, and agricultural workers reaching their training ground at eight in the evening and returning home at midnight and later. Again, troop movements and regular Army exercises have in some cases interfered with the affiliations between regulars and the Home Guard necessitating an alteration of the dates initially fixed. In such instances the fortnights have been arranged for later in the year.

Where regular troops were not available in the vicinity of the Home Guard unit, and sub-units, they moved in complete with bag and baggage, and took up quarters or erected tented camps in the villages themselves. This led to a happy liaison, and in many cases outstandingly successful training.

In some instances the Home Guard has itself moved into camp for week-ends and lived with the regulars, and the mutual benefits which have accrued from this system have been noteworthy.

The training has ranged from small section schemes to quite considerable exercises with two to three thousand regular and Home Guard troops taking part, together with the Civil Defence services in the district, and lasting from the evening of one day until the next afternoon. "Blitz" and "Battle Inoculation" courses have been covered by most sub-units, and one Home Guard Battalion situated near a battle practice range put some of its sub-units over the course, supported by M.Gs. and 25-pounders firing H.E. and smoke.

The keenness of the Home Guard was extraordinary, in particular the efforts made to put into operation all they had been taught about fieldcraft and concealment could not be bettered. When working in the lanes and woods steel helmets were liberally garnished with the local foliage and the Home Guard did not shrink from applying mud to hands and faces to help themselves to fit into the landscape.

The Home Guard and regular troops are complementary parts of our Army in this country. The two portions will be required to fight together in close unity against the common foe, and combined training such as they have both experienced during the Home Guard Fortnight cannot help but have a lasting effect on the efficiency of our Home Forces.

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THANET'S FINE RESPONSE

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At Ramsgate, where the collection amounted to £118 4s. 6d., the Mayor (Alderman A. B. C. Kempe) headed the list of collectors with £7 2s. 2½d. Mrs. Todd was a good second with £5 18s. 1d.

At Broadstairs the collection amounted to between £41 and £42, and the total for Margate, including Westgate, Birchington and St. Nicholas, was £145 3s.

The contribution from Minster and Monkton amounted, together with the proceeds of a dance, to £26 1s. 8d.

At Ramsgate the collection was organised by the Mayoress, who wishes to thank the many helpers who made possible such an excellent result.

The collectors and the amounts collected were:

Mrs. Johncock, 7s. 3d.; Mrs. Baker (Winstanley-crescent), £1 1s. 8½d.; Mr. Green, 6s. 7d.; Miss Moys, 5s. 4d.; Miss Fenn, 16s. 1d.; Miss Rose (Harbour-street), £1 17s. 4d.; Mrs. Fiddyment, 18s. 6½d.; Nurse Howells, £2 0s. 5d.; Mr. Britton, £1; Miss Tappenden, £1 0s. 10d.; Mr. Ward, 18s. 9d.; the Mayor, £7 2s. 2½d.; Odeon Theatre, £4 13s. 9d.; Miss Foster, 17s. 2d.; Miss Snelling, £1 1s. 9d.; Miss Mettam, 6s. 8½d.; Mrs. Pugh, 6s. 6d.; Mrs. Locke, 15s. 1½d.; Miss Robinson, £1 2s. 4d.; Miss Howels (Crescent-road), £1 8s. 1½d.; Mrs. Snapes, £1 7s. 1½d.; Miss Privett, 18s. 8d.; Mrs. Ward, 15s.; Miss Legallais, £1 12s.; Mrs. Holthouse 6s.;

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According to the official German news agency, Ramsgate was shelled last week by German naval long distance guns.

The agency report claimed that "harbour installations" at Ramsgate were "effectively shelled" and "violent fires and explosions" caused.

FUNERAL OF MISS C. A. SPRATLING

The funeral took place in the family grave at Ramsgate Cemetery on Tuesday of Miss Clarice Alberta Spratling, of Elmstone-road, Ramsgate, whose death was reported in our last issue.

The service was conducted by the Vicar of Ramsgate (Rev. C. R. Farnsworth).

The mourners were Mr. E. H. Spratling (brother), Mr. R. Spratling (cousin), Mr. W. Holladay, Mr. W. Mockridge, Mr. Temple Forde, and Mr. J. Wellard.

By request there were no flowers, but there was a cross from the members of the family.

The funeral arrangements were carried out by Mr. Walter J. Austen, of Hereson-road, Ramsgate.

PROPERTY SALE

Two properties were sold by auction by Mr. Charles Warren, of 99 High-street, Ramsgate, on Tuesday.

No. 105 St. Luke's-avenue sold for £425 and No. 27 Manston-road for £260.

The residue of the household furniture and effects of No. 105 St. Luke's-avenue was also offered for sale and fetched very good prices, averaging £1 per lot.

READING STREET PARENTS' LOSS

Ldg. Stkr. Harold Rowe, R.N., only child of Mr. and Mrs. H. Rowe, of 5 Balliol-road, Reading Street, whose death in action was first reported in our last issue, was born on 18th March, 1917, when his father was serving with The Buffs in France.

An old boy of Margate Central School, L/S Rowe served his apprenticeship as a carpenter with Mr. C. Culver, builder, of Broadstairs, but joined the Royal Navy six years ago.

L/CPL. L. R. PHILPOTT

MISSING IN MIDDLE EAST

News has been received by Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Philpott, of Boscombe, formerly of Edge End-road, Broadstairs, that their third son, L/Cpl. L. R. Philpott, 8th Hussars, has been missing from operations in the Middle East since 27th May.

DEATH OF MR. W. V. DUTTON

The death occurred at Coulsdon at the age of 51 years of Mr. Walter Vernon Dutton, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Dutton, of 15 Napleton-road, Ramsgate, and brother of Mr. T. H. Dutton, of Ramsgate Harbour staff.

An old boy of Aberdeen House School, Ramsgate, Mr. Dutton served his apprenticeship in the Merchant Service. During the last war he served in the Army and took part in the Battle of Mons.

The funeral took place at Redhill on Tuesday.

HAIRDRESSER'S SUDDEN DEATH

Mr. Thomas Dennison, who for some time past had carried on business as a hairdresser at 62 St. Luke's-avenue, Ramsgate, died suddenly on Tuesday morning.

Mr. Dennison, who was staying with relatives at Margate-road, complained of feeling unwell on Monday night. He collapsed and died early the following morning.

KING'S GREETING

MARGATE DIAMOND WEDDING

Mr. and Mrs. Sydney Charles Poupard, of Sydney House, Barnes-avenue, Margate, who celebrated their diamond wedding anniversary on Wednesday, received a telegram of congratulation from the King and Queen.

Although Mrs. Poupard is nearly 83, and her husband three years older, both enjoy very good health. Mrs. Poupard busies herself in the house while her husband tends the garden of their charming home.

During the war Mr. and Mrs. Poupard have had two narrow escapes. After leaving Margate in 1940 they were bombed out at Sheen and when they returned to their home all the windows were blown out through the explosion of a mine.

Married at Camberwell parish church in 1882, Mr. and Mrs. Poupard are cousins. For 25 years Mr. Poupard conducted a business at Croydon and during the last war he returned to London as a buyer to release a younger man for service. He finally retired in 1923.

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"BLITZ" On Ramsgate

BIG N.F.S. EXERCISE

Ramsgate on Thursday afternoon was the centre of the biggest fire exercise ever held in the district.

Pumps from all parts of D Division of the National Fire Service were called to the town to fight an imaginary fire which raged on both sides of the road from the Market to George-street.

The mobilisation scheme was tested to its full capacity and from preliminary reports it appears that the umpires are well satisfied with the results.

An Advertiser & Echo reporter who "covered" the exercise, writes:

I was in the control room of the sub-divisional station at 1.45 p.m. when a message was received stating that enemy aircraft over the town were dropping flares—a sure sign that incendiary and high explosive bombs might be expected shortly.

Officers, firemen, telephonists and messengers were on their toes immediately and ready for action at a moment's notice. At 2 p.m. came the first message that incendiaries were being dropped and fires had broken out in High-street. In all six fires were reported between the Market and George-street.

Company Officer Pritchard immediately despatched pumps and when he arrived on the scene himself people trapped in a blazing building had already been rescued.

One Gigantic Fire.

Instructions handed to C/O Pritchard by one of the umpires indicated what had happened. The six small fires had merged into one gigantic fire.

It called for quick thinking and quick action. The water mains in the road were out of service. Twenty pumps were needed immediately. Water relays would have to be set up. As the officer dictated his requirements they were taken down by a messenger. Within a couple of minutes he was speeding back to the control room.

Telephone bells rang and all the wheels of mobilisation were set in motion. Station to sub-division, sub-division to division, division to area, area to region, and finally region to London fire control.

When the messages began to flow in to division, Div. Off. Denne quickly appreciated it was a major fire and decided to take charge personally. It was not long before he was in Ramsgate and installed in a control van at Cannon-road car park. When Col. Offs. Watson and Campbell arrived to take charge under the divisional officer at the seat of the fire they found that C/O Pritchard had done his job well.

The streets were lined with hoses which had been brought into action from hydrants in side streets pending the setting up of the water relays which were then well under way.

In the meantime pumps were arriving from Broadstairs, Margate, Sandwich, etc. The "moving up" process was beginning. The stations from which these pumps had come could not be left short so pumps were moved in from areas even wider afield. The N.F.S. resources for miles around were gradually moving towards Ramsgate so that the call for pumps, however large it might be, could be met, and met quickly.

This was the real reason for the amalgamation of the separate fire brigades into one unit—the National Fire Service. With individual brigades it was found impossible to get that mobilisation which could concentrate at short notice as much fire-fighting material and men as required at any given spot.

Britain Shall Not Burn.

"Britain shall not burn" is the motto which the officers and men of the National Fire Service have translated into a fact.

To return to the fire, a total of about 50 pumps were brought into operation. Twenty were drawing their water from four dams and the remainder were engaged in supplying the dams.

The best view of the proceedings was obtained by a fireman perched with a line of hose on the top of an escape which towered high above the tallest buildings at the Market.

As the pumps arrived from outlying districts they reported to Cannon-road car park, where they received from mobile control instructions as to which part of the fire area they should go. Messages sent backwards and forwards helped the whole time to make a "picture" of what was happening. The divisional officer divided his time between the actual scene of operations and the mobile control. Through him messages went to area and region so that they, too, had a picture of what was happening and were able to give directions for "moving up."

Although it was difficult for the layman to appreciate all that was happening, the smartness of the officers and men and the efficient manner in which they handled their equipment gave the impression that training has been sound and organisation thorough.

The umpires for the exercise were Div. Off. Holmes, of C. Division, and officers from Area 30.

OPEN-AIR COOKING

RANGERS' DEMONSTRATION

A display of outdoor emergency cooking on three stoves which they erected in record time was given, under the auspices of the W.V.S., by Ramsgate Rangers in the grounds of Clarendon House on Wednesday.

After seeing with what efficiency and speed the girls could get the pot boiling it was no longer surprising to hear of the apparent miracles performed when a south-east town was bombed and the victims were supplied with hot meals by this means for 14 days.

The Chief Ranger, Miss Bowler, superintended the building of the stoves and, although much to the disappointment of the spectators there was no actual food, demonstrated how they could cater for any number, anywhere at any time.

All the stoves were made with bricks, a mixture of earth and water also going to the creation of two of them which were provided with funnels as the fire was underneath. In addition to an ordinary boiling fire, there was one for stews, potatoes, soups, etc., and a baking stove.

The oven contained two biscuit tins where meat could be roasted to a turn, being, as in the case of the vegetable boiler, covered with damp earth.

On the open fire two dixies containing nine gallons of water boiled within half an hour.

In case of rain the open fire was covered with a tarpaulin but it was explained that the other two would go on merrily whatever the weather conditions.

One began to wonder why we bother so much about gas stoves and electric cookers. It was a relief to find that should an emergency arise the public need not be deprived of hot meals.

BURIED IN FRANCE

WG. CDR. BUTLER KILLED IN ACTION

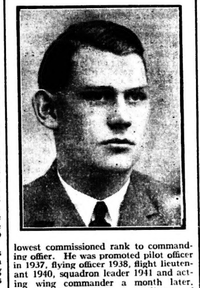
Formerly reported missing, it is now known that Wg. Cdr. Vernon Stanley Butler, D.F.C., son of the Chief Constable of Ramsgate (Mr. S. F. Butler) and Mrs. Butler, was killed in action in France in March and has been buried in the French Military Cemetery, Beauvais.

Wg. Cdr. Butler's observer, Flg. Off. B. M. Sayers, was also killed, and was buried in the same cemetery. The air-gunner of the plane, Plt. Off. Weston Robertson, died in hospital three hours after the machine crashed.

Wg. Cdr. Butler led the daring and successful daylight raid on the Matford factory at Poissey and met his death on the homeward flight.

One of the youngest wing commanders in the R.A.F., he was within a week of his 26th birthday.

Born at Wallesey, Cheshire, shortly before his father came to Ramsgate as Chief Constable, Wg. Cdr. Butler was educated at Dudley House School and St. Lawrence College, Ramsgate. He entered the R.A.F. in 1935, being granted a commission as acting pilot officer after a year's training. Shortly afterwards he joined No. 226 Squadron, which had been reformed, having been dissolved after the last war. He completed five years with the squadron in the week he lost his life, and had the unique distinction of rising from the



lowest commissioned rank to commanding officer. He was promoted pilot officer in 1937, flying officer 1938, flight lieutenant 1940, squadron leader 1941 and acting wing commander a month later. From 1937 to 1940 he was adjutant of the squadron.

On the outbreak of war, Wg. Cdr. Butler, then a flying officer, went to France with the Advanced Air Striking Force, returning to England on the collapse of France, having taken part in many raids over enemy territory. After nine months in Ireland he joined the Bomber Command, and in August, 1941, he was among 51 officers and men to be decorated for gallantry in large-scale attacks on German warships at Brest and La Pallice, including the Gneisenau, Scharnhorst and Prinz Eugen. He was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, which he received from the King at an investiture at Buckingham Palace in December last.

The official announcement of the awards stated that the operations were carried out in daylight against heavy opposition and demanded great skill and courage. The great success of the operations was largely due to the bravery, determination and resource displayed by those who participated.

A keen sportsman, Wg. Cdr. Butler was a prominent hockey player and an excellent shot. He had represented St. Lawrence College at Bisley and also in Kent Rifle Club Association matches. He had also shot as a member of the R.A.F. team at Bisley.

Before the war, Wg. Cdr. Butler captained his squadron hockey XI. Since the outbreak of war he had played in France and was a member of the R.A.F. team in Northern Ireland in 1940-41. He also played squash, golf and cricket.

Wg. Cdr. Butler had an inventive mind and as a boy took a great interest in wireless. He was at one time the youngest holder of a transmitting license in the country.

The deepest sympathy will be extended to the Chief Constable and Mrs. Butler and to Wg. Cdr. Butler's wife, now living at Harwell, Berks, with their baby son Beverley.

UNSATISFACTORY STANDARD

CIVIL DEFENCE COMFORT

Mr. Herbert Morrison, Home Secretary and Minister of Home Security, has drawn the attention of local authorities to the fact that recent reports have shown unsatisfactory standards of comfort, sleeping and sanitary accommodation, and cleanliness, in some Civil Defence posts and depots. Without attempting to apportion blame for conditions in which responsibility is shared between the Ministry and local authorities, the Minister has asked for co-operation in securing an early improvement in places where it is required.

In some places, a Ministry of Home Security circular states, too little care is taken to see that premises are kept clean and that their general appearance is worthy of the fine record which the service has established. Where criticism of this kind applies, says the circular, health may suffer, duties are not performed with full efficiency, and the service concerned can be neither self-respecting nor respected.

Local authorities are urged to secure the co-operation of all concerned in making and keeping posts and depots in a state which does credit to the personnel and the employing authority.

The circular outlines the standards of accommodation, which are described as being the minimum in view of the shortage of labour and materials for work of this kind. These concern sleeping accommodation, bedding, sanitary provisions, and facilities for cooking.

EX-CYCLE CHAMPION'S DEATH

A former Kent amateur cycling champion, Mr. Harold Drewry Cullen, of Crescent-road, Birchington, passed away at Margate General Hospital on Tuesday at the age of 54 years.

During the last war Mr. Cullen served in France from 1914 and in 1919 set up in business as a haulage contractor.

Mr. Cullen lost his first wife about five years ago and married again last year.

He was a member of the Antediluvian Order of Buffaloes and of the Birchington branch of the British Legion and the United Services Club.

THE BUFFS

"DID NOT BUDGE AN INCH"

HISTORIC REGIMENT IN TOUGH FIGHTING

The Buffs is a county regiment, associated with East Kent. From the towns and villages of the Garden of England have come and are coming the same types of men who formed the "astonishing infantry" of whom Napier wrote. Before this war ends in victory for the United Nations the enemy will be forcibly reminded of the justice of that memorable description.

The Buffs are the old Holland Regiment (the 3rd Foot). They take their origin from the Trained Bands of the City of London. On 1st May, 1572, 3,000 members of the Bands went through military exercises before Queen Elizabeth at Greenwich. Amongst them Capt. Thomas Morgan, "an officer of distinguished merit," enlisted a company of 300 men, which included several experienced officers and many gentlemen, and went at once to Flushing to help the Dutch against the Duke of Alva. These 300 were the nucleus of the many thousands of English soldiers who fought gallantly for the Dutch throughout their war of liberation from Spain.

A London Privilege.

Ninety-two years later, in 1664, several hundred of their successors, refusing to renounce their nationality, returned to England and were formed into the Holland Regiment by Charles II. The London origin of The Buffs is remembered in their right of marching through the City with drums beating, colours flying, and bayonets fixed. Only two other corps have the same privilege, the Grenadier Guards and the Royal Marines.

Since September, 1939, several battalions of The Buffs have been on active service outside the United Kingdom. One was abroad when hostilities began. This battalion had been for some time in Palestine where it had been engaged in active operations during the disturbances in that country. It had suffered casualties in the arduous work of maintaining order and had distinguished itself on many occasions, gaining awards for gallantry and devotion to duty in very trying circumstances.

The outbreak of war against Germany produced a harmony amongst the conflicting elements in Palestine, much to the disappointment of the Nazis, who had hoped to exploit the unhappy differences which had torn the country previously. It says a great deal for the way the British troops had done their unpleasant duty that as soon as war broke out, Arabs and Jews alike sank their differences and joined in the common effort to resist Hitler and his threat to the world. For some time there have been Palestinian Companies of The Buffs, proof positive that the regiment had caused little or no rancour in the performance of duties which are always distasteful to British soldiers.

After an interval this battalion became part of the famous Army of the Nile and for many months now it has played a big part in the operations in the Western Desert. Some idea of the extent to which it has been involved can be gained from the fact that it has lost two commanding officers in action.

An Historic Day.

Last December, when Rommel was making great efforts to drive the Eighth Army back into Egypt, the battalion was heavily engaged in Libya. They held off a Panzer Division for 24 hours and until overwhelmed by German tanks they stood their ground and hit back hard at the enemy. Many of the men engaged in that desperate fight must have thought, even in the heat of the battle, of what Buffs had done 130 years before at Albuera in the Peninsular War.

Albuera is the great anniversary in Buffs history and from the time he joins a recruit hears of the way the regiment fought that day. December 14th and 15th, 1941, is likely to rank equally with 16th May, 1811, in the regimental annals. Of the 25 heavy German tanks which attacked The Buffs and their supporting guns that day, 11 were not merely knocked out but destroyed beyond hope of recovery, according to reports from eye witnesses. The losses of the battalion were very heavy but they set about the business of re-forming at once and by now they are facing the enemy again in good heart and determined to avenge those who fell in December.

On the Continent.

Another battalion formed part of the British Expeditionary Force which moved over to France during September, 1939. When the storm broke in May, 1940, it moved up into Belgium to meet the Germans, who were sweeping through that country. The story of those days will only be fully written when the war is over and events can be placed in their proper perspective, but everyone knows how Holland, Belgium, and finally France, gave up the struggle and left Great Britain alone to face the full fury of the Nazi assault; how after bitter rearguard actions fought without rest or respite the British Army reached the beaches at Dunkirk, to be extricated from their peril by the self-sacrificing bravery and skill of the Royal Navy, the Royal Air Force and that great company of fishermen, yachtsmen and volunteers who got 350,000 men back to England.

Did Not Budge an Inch.

The adventures of the battalion from the fateful 10th May when it moved up across the Belgian frontier can only be fully told when peace is restored. Many of the officers and men who survived are prisoners of war. In the 19 days the battalion suffered over 450 casualties and lost its commanding officer, who, with his headquarters, fought on when completely surrounded by the enemy. In this connection let us quote from a letter written by a distinguished general to the colonel of the regiment. He said "I hear that as usual The Buffs, when surrounded, did not budge an inch." In those simple words is epitomised the whole history of the British soldier whose dogged and immovable spirit has so often confounded his foes. Napier, the famous historian of the Peninsular War, was inspired by these qualities to coin a memorable phrase when describing an action in that war. He spoke of "that astonishing infantry." He was talking of the peasantry of England who "won't be druv." Modern warfare, for all its mechanisation, still needs "that astonishing infantry" and this war has shown that it is still getting them.

The Buffs in Flanders in 1940 were on familiar ground. At Oudenarde on the 20th-21st May they fought on a battlefield on which Buffs had fought in 1708. Later at Armentieres and near Ypres and Bailleul they met the same enemy they had faced in 1915.

Heavy Losses.

Two other battalions were in the fighting in May, 1940. They were rushed to the front at a moment's notice to help to stem the onrush of the swiftly advancing Germans. From the first it was a forlorn hope but they helped to delay the advance and inflicted losses on the enemy.

They, too, lost heavily but they made the Nazis pay for their gains. These two battalions, greatly depleted in numbers, were eventually evacuated by way of Boulogne and Havre.

The losses already suffered by The Buffs in this war are grievous but they have long since been made good and this old and honourable regiment whose colours bear the names of many historic battles is daily adding to the story of its exploits in a war beside which earlier struggles seem puny.

The New Ration Book: RE-REGISTER as soon as you can

The new Food Ration Book will take the place of three books – the old Main Book, the Points Book and the Yellow Supplement – on July 26. Millions of this new Book have already been delivered, but it takes some time to deal with 45,000,000 and you needn't worry if yours hasn't come in an early batch – you'll be having it any day now. As soon as you get it you should re-register (for everything except milk), with the shops you chose.

In choosing your shops, take no notice of promises of delivery. Labour, petrol and tyres are very short, and no shopkeeper can guarantee delivery service for long. Do not choose a retailer who is further away than your present one, and help by carrying your goods home.

As soon as you receive your Food Ration Book:

1 Fill in the counterfoils for meat, bacon, butter, cheese, eggs, sugar. These are on pages 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15, and are marked with this sign: A. *Do not take the counterfoils out of the book.* Poultry keepers are asked *not* to register for eggs, but to rely upon their own supplies. Do *not* fill in the spaces marked with the sign: B unless you intend to deposit the pages with the shops.

2 Now fill in on page 38 the names and addresses of your chosen retailers, including those of your *present* milk supplier – there will be no *new* registration for milk, but remember to enter your date of birth (if under 18) when writing in the name of your milk supplier on page 38. *It will be an offence to use the book if the spaces on page 38 are not filled in*

3 To re-register, take the book to your shops, going first to the shop at which you will buy most foods. The shopkeeper will take out the counterfoils.

RECIPE of the WEEK No 10

CHEESE BEANS

Time: Preparation 10 minutes. Cooking time, beans 2 hours. *Ingredients:* ½ lb. dried beans (soaked overnight), 2 oz. grated cheese, 1 tablespoonful vinegar, 2 teaspoonfuls worcester sauce, ½ teaspoonful made-mustard, 1 to 2 tablespoonfuls parsley and mint chopped together, a good pinch of pepper and salt. *Quantity:* 4 helpings. *Method:* Cook the beans without salt in the water in which they soaked. When the beans are tender, strain and keep two tablespoonfuls of bean water. Add all the other ingredients to this bean water and cook until cheese is melted. Toss the beans in the cheese sauce, put into a hot dish and sprinkle with chopped parsley and mint. Serve with a green vegetable and potatoes boiled in their skins.

To make **BEAN ROLL**, take ½ lb. of beans, soak, cook and mash, add the other ingredients as above. Shape into a roll and serve with salad and a little home-made mayonnaise or use as a sandwich filling.

Look out for next week's recipe on the use of Dried Eggs.

Help the retailer and yourself by following the above directions. Please realise he can't do the job for you.

THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, LONDON, W.1. FOOD FACTS No. 102

50 YEARS AGO

(CUTTINGS FROM OUR COLUMNS)

WEEK OF FESTIVITY

This week has been one of almost continuous festivity for Kentish seaside places. Spirited little Broadstairs set the ball rolling on Tuesday by giving a right royal welcome to the popular and charming Princess Louise and her gallant consort, the heir of Macallum More, i.e., the Duke of Argyll. Then followed Dover with the brilliant pageant consequent upon the installation as Lord Warden of the Cinque Ports of the Marquis of Dufferin on Wednesday. Not content with the revival of some part of their ancient splendour, the Barons danced right merrily at the ball given in their honour on Thursday night. Then followed Ramsgate with festivity which, if on more circumscribed lines, was none the less genuine. This was on the occasion of the annual meeting of the Grand Lodge of Kent.

ROYALTY AT BROADSTAIRS

Pretty and health-giving Broadstairs has been for months in the throes of preparation for the Royal visit, which must inevitably give a decided filip to an eminently fashionable season. The result exceeded all reasonable expectations. "Our Watering Place" wore her gala attire right bravely; and the magnificent decorations extending over miles of roadway created the most genuine admiration amongst the many thousands of people who thronged to one common centre from all parts of the countryside. From the point of arrival at the railway station to the Victoria Convalescent Home in Stone-road, from the erstwhile home of our own inimitable Dickens (Bleak House) to the Victoria Gardens and the Grand Hotel there was one continuous blaze of colour almost dazzling to the eyesight. The proverbial enterprise of the good people of Broadstairs in the direction of entertaining their visitors, whether prince or peasant, had never been more unmistakably exemplified. The occasion of the Royal visit was the opening of the Victoria Convalescent Home and the naming of the Victoria Gardens.

25 YEARS AGO

(CUTTINGS FROM OUR COLUMNS)

THE WAR OF 1914-18

A very plausible and entertaining, if ephemeral and unconvincing plan for polishing the war off in seven days, advanced by Mr. Noel Pemberton Billing, M.P., claimed the attention of a crowded audience at the West Cliff Concert Hall, Ramsgate. Mr. Billing, in short, places his whole faith in the power of the aeroplane. The war, he holds, will not be won on sea or land, but in the air. If 50 squadrons of ten machines each raided 50 different German towns, the German people, he foresaw, would rise as one man and tell the Kaiser that the raids on England must cease. At the cost of one day's war expenditure, sufficient bomb-dropping machines could be provided to "cut the throat of the German Empire," and bring the war to a victorious finish in seven days; for if the only alternative were to be blown to fragments, the German people would cry out for peace. So convinced was Mr. Billing in the soundness of his proposal, that if he were allowed to try it and failed, he offered to stand up against a wall and be shot.

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Included in Sir Douglas Haig's despatch of 9th April, as being worthy of special mention, L/Cpl. W. Robertson Cowell, of the London Scottish, has been raised to the rank of sergeant and is now acting as a machine-gun instructor with the famous Territorial unit. Sgt. Cowell is one of the three soldier sons of Mr. Stephen N. Cowell, superintendent of the Ramsgate Corporation refuse destructor, and was himself employed at the works when he enlisted in the earliest stages of the war, being one of the first of the Corporation staff to don khaki in response to Lord Kitchener's call.

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Sgt. A. G. Salomons, only son of the Rev. and Mrs. B. J. Salomons, of Ramsgate, has been promoted to the rank of armourer-sergeant, after having been in the Army only six months.

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Special services were held at Cavendish Baptist Church, Ramsgate, in celebration of 25 years in the pulpit of the church of the Rev. T. Hancocks. Mr. Hancocks has been in the ministry 40 years.

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Councillor J. W. Chapman, Deputy Mayor, was elected to the aldermanic bench at a meeting of Ramsgate Town Council, to fill the vacancy created in the St. Lawrence Ward by the resignation of Mr. J. H. Clutton.

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The Mayor of Ramsgate (Alderman T. S. Chayney) has denied rumours that Ramsgate was shortly to be evacuated of women and children.

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We understand that the chairman of Ramsgate Entertainments Committee (Councillor H. C. Child) has, after due consideration of all the circumstances involved, cancelled the engagement of the season band at Ramsgate.

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The promotion to the rank of captain is gazetted of 2nd-Lt. J. G. Smith, Adjutant of the 4th (Thanet) Battalion, Kent Volunteer Regiment.

SOUTH AFRICAN HOSPITALITY

The people of Cape Town, South Africa, continue to give a warm welcome to British serving men who go ashore there en route for the Middle East or India.

South African hospitality was recently enjoyed by Sgt. Harold C. Matthews, R.A.F., now stationed at Karachi.

Sgt. Matthews was formerly steward at Margate Oddfellows' Club, and his mother, widow of a Margate police officer, is now living at Montefiore-avenue, Ramsgate.

Mrs. Matthews has recently received a letter from Mrs. Tomlinson, of Cape Town, describing how, on her 25th wedding anniversary, she and her husband entertained 25 boys, one of whom was Sgt. Matthews.

SAFE DRIVING AWARDS

Tribute to the care exercised by the drivers of Margate Post Office vans was paid by the postmaster, Mr. G. W. Solly, on Tuesday, when he presented National Safety First Association awards for safe driving.

None of the Margate drivers has been involved in an accident for two years and they each drive an average of 4,700 miles a year.

The awards were as follows:

Diplomas—J. M. Bussey (three years), F. Rousell (four).

Bars to silver medals—J. E. Gutsell (eight years), W. G. O. Pettman (nine), A. G. Tree (six).

Oak leaves to gold medals—T. H. K. Barnard, S. R. Bullock, S. Dawes, C. S. Jeffery and J. Wraight (all 12 years).

JONES—BUTLER

ST. PETER'S WEDDING

The wedding took place at St. Peter's Church on Tuesday of Miss Lilian (Betty) Butler, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Butler, of Canterbury House, Sowell-street, St. Peter's, to Cpl. Cedric Lloyd Jones, R.A.M.C., son of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Jones, of Chiswick.

Given away by her father, the bride wore a gown of cream lace over taffeta, with veil and orange blossom, and carried a shower bouquet of cream and pink roses.

The matron of honour, Mrs. J. Rankin, sister of the bride, wore a mauve taffeta dress and silver Juliet cap, and Miss Esdale acted as bridesmaid. Their bouquets were of sweet peas.

L/Cpl. George Town, R.A.M.C., was best man, and the ceremony was performed by the priest-in-charge, Rev. R. D. d'E. Meredith. Mr. R. J. Bowen presided at the organ.

After the reception at the bride's home, Mr. and Mrs. Jones left for the honeymoon at Cookham, Berks.

U.S. IN TRAINING

ABBOTT AND COSTELLO AT ODEON

An insight into both the United States Army and Air Corps is provided this week's programmes at the Odeon Theatre, Ramsgate.

Wallace Beery has the leading role in "The Bugle Sounds," chief feature to-day (Tuesday) and to-morrow. A dramatic story has been woven into the action of the tank troops. With the approval of the U.S. War Department, two units filmed scenes of tank manœuvres, where Beery made many scenes with regular troops. The result is a picture of realistic action with the regular Army enacting its stirring role. Thousands of tanks plunge across the screen. Dive-bombers drop their "eggs" and soldiers run, ride and crawl for cover. An entertaining story presents Beery as a veteran cavalry sergeant, thoroughly disgusted when horses are abandoned in favour of tanks. The supporting cast includes Marjorie Main, Lewis Stone and George Bancroft.

A double-feature programme is being presented for the latter part of the week. "Keep 'Em Flying," with Lou Costello and Bud Abbott, is backgrounded against Uncle Sam's efforts annually to train an additional 50,000 officers for the Army Air Corps. Merging riotous hilarity with romance, songs and aviation thrills, the film has a brilliant supporting cast. The second feature is "Breach of Promise," with Clive Brook and Judy Campbell. Brook meets a fascinating young girl and finds himself hoisted with his own petard when he is faced by a faked, but no less deadly, breach of promise action. To teach the girl a lesson, he marries her, expecting a quick divorce, but to their mutual surprise they fall in love with each other. What happens makes a gay and light-hearted farce.

KING'S CONTRASTS

HISTORY OLD AND NEW

Two contrasting pages of history are being presented at the King's Theatre, Ramsgate, this week.

Chief feature to-day and to-morrow is "They Died With Their Boots On." The picture stars Errol Flynn as General George Custer, telling his life story from the time of his entry to West Point until his memorable battle of Little Big Horn. All the tense drama and romance in his exciting life is captured in this epic film. It is the story of a man who lived, fought and loved with all the power his soul possessed. Custer had a love for gallantry, colour, and, most of all, adventure. It was his love of gallantry that made him a Civil War hero; and his love for adventure which caused him to blaze a trail of victory in the Indian warfare of the 1870s. Olivia de Havilland is co-starred with Flynn.

Paris before the entry of the Germans is the setting for "This Was Paris," which heads the bill for the latter part of the week. It tells a vivid story of the treachery and greed of the Fifth Column, which played a large part in the downfall of France. Griffith Jones has the greatest opportunity of his career in the role of Bill Hamilton, British Intelligence Officer, who is sent to France to investigate and check Fifth Column activities. Ann Dvorak stars opposite him as Anne Morgan, a New York dress designer, who stays in France after the declaration of war—and finds herself unwittingly working for Fifth Columnists. Ben Lyon is co-starred with them in the important role of a journalist who, despite his fondness for whisky, is an extremely clever and likeable fellow. "Bad Men of Missouri," with Dennis Morgan, Jane Wyman and Wayne Morris, will also be shown.

HOW RAMSGATE IS SAVING

No. 3

Keen members of Ramsgate savings groups will have a new source of interest next week, when the window display at the centre in King-street will be complete. Many will already have noticed the colourful background with the "street group" idea as its theme, but the main feature of the display will be a ladder showing how various groups increase their savings month by month, a constant reminder of the importance of saving which should do much to stimulate local effort and promote keen competition for top place.

Pride of place when the ladder goes up will go to the Hardres-street group, whose return for May as compared with April showed an increase of 725 per cent., with the same number of members, a truly astonishing performance and one of which the secretary, Mrs. E. R. Thom, and all the members must be particularly proud.

The Approach-road group are second with an increase of 116 per cent. and St. George's Women's Fellowship third with 84 per cent. Altogether 15 groups showed substantial increases, mostly with the same or very slightly increased membership.

"More members" will be the watchword of many group secretaries during the next few months as they strive to get their groups a place on the ladder, and just as the local committee will not be satisfied until the whole town is covered by street groups, so secretaries will not be content until every house in their particular area is covered.

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ALL RECORDS BROKEN

THANET A.T.C. SPORTS

All the previous year's records were broken at the second annual inter-flight sports held by the Thanet Squadron of the Air Training Corps at the Royal School, Margate, on Thursday.

B Flight (Margate) won the inter-flight competition with 15 points. A Flight (Margate) and C Flight (Ramsgate) also gained a similar number of points but it had been decided previously that the Millar cup, in the event of a tie, should go to the flight winning the mile medley relay. E Flight (Minster) scored five points and D Flight (Ramsgate) one.

Prior to the sports the salute at the march past was taken by the Commanding Officer, Flt.-Lt. R. W. Spratling. Among the spectators were Wg. Cdr. Adams, the Mayor of Margate (Alderman G. P. Hoare), chairman of the Squadron Committee, the Mayor of Ramsgate (Alderman A. B. C. Kempe), and Alderman W. Hawkins, secretary to the Squadron Committee.

Presenting the awards, Wg. Cdr. Adams congratulated the cadets on their fitness.

Cpl. Jarvis, of Minster, won the mile race in fine style. There was a duel for second place between A. Bailey (Ramsgate) and R. Jordan (Margate), Bailey winning by inches. R. S. Cook, last year's winner, collapsed when lying fourth about 50 yards from the tape.

The Commanding Officer's prize for the best individual effort was won by E. Lawrence (Margate), who came first in the 100 yards and 220 yards events.

The Results.

The results were, the competitor's flight being given in parenthesis:

High jump—1, P. Davies (C); 2, A. Beard (B); 3, K. Grant (A) and R. Bushell (A), tie. Height: 4ft. 11ins.

Long jump—1, K. Grant (A); 2, A. Beard (B); 3, C. Walker (B) and W. Cocking (D), tie. Distance: 16ft. 11ins.

100 yards flat race—1, E. Lawrence (A); 2, P. Davies (C); 3, C. Walker (B). Time: 11 1/5 secs.

220 yards flat race—1, E. Lawrence (A); 2, C. Walker (B); 3, A. Lilliott (E.). Time: 26 3/5 secs.

440 yards flat race—1, S. Morris (C.); 2, H. Richardson (C); 3, A. Fright (E). Time: 1 min. 0 1/5 secs.

Mile handicap—1, Jarvis (E); 2, A. Bailey (C); 3, R. Jordan (B). Time: 5 mins. 26 secs.

Mile medley relay—Flight B (R. Jordan 880 yards, K. C. Mellor 220 yards, A. Beard 220 yards, C. Walker 440 yards).

Tug-of-war—Flight A (R. Bushell, F. Ardley, A. Claris, K. Grant, G. Dray, R. Millar and R. Terry. Coach, Mr. J. Parker).

Obstacle race—1, W. Long (A); 2, G. Dray (A); 3, E. Bernas (D).

Sack race—1, A. Claris (A); 2, A. Saxby (B); 3, A. Wood (C).

Officers' race—1, Flg. Off. H. R. Cooke (B); 2, Plt. Off. E. G. Brenchley (B); 3, Flg. Off. C. Burgess.

The obstacle race, sack race and officers' race did not count in the inter-flight competition.

Officials were: judges, the Rev. D. V. Beckingham, Mr. W. Graham and Mr. G. Heathfield; marshal of the course, Mr. L. G. H. Pinder; clerks of the course, Flg. Off. F. A. Burgess (announcer), Mr. Jennings and Mr. Reece; timekeeper, Plt. Off. E. G. Brenchley; starter, Mr. H. Pinder; dressing-room stewards, Wt. Off. Cullen and Mr. J. Parker; course runners, Cadets R. Lunn, R. Millar, D. Fuller and M. Flower.

BRIGHTER BROADSTAIRS

END OF A SUCCESSFUL WEEK

The success of Brighter Broadstairs Week exceeded the expectations of even the most optimistic, and thoroughly justified the confidence of the organisers in the townspeople.

A week of gala activities without the support of visitors appeared at first a doubtful proposition but the people of Broadstairs rallied in wonderful style and set on the programme the seal of success.

Like a celebrated Dickens character, who may or may not have been created in Broadstairs, the people of Broadstairs are hungry for more and Brighter Broadstairs Week is likely to be only the beginning of a movement which will keep the town up to the mark and prepared for the holiday "invasion" after the war.

Crowded Concert.

There was not an empty seat at the Garden-on-the-Sands Pavilion when an enthusiastic audience welcomed the Green Tree Follies concert party. This snappy show was devised and produced by Lt. T. A. Keele, with Pte. D. Coleman as compere, and one of the most popular artists was Bobbie Kimber, the well-known ventriloquist.

Organised by Mrs. F. M. Saunders, a social afternoon was held in Pierremont Park on Tuesday. The programme included recreational games by the pupils of Broadstairs Council School, arranged by Miss Wyles, and country dancing arranged by Miss Osborne. The Women's Voluntary Services provided a picnic tea and the children were afterwards entertained by members of the Star of the East Lodge, I.O.G.T.

The band of The Buffs played in the park in the evening and later the dance section of the Royal Artillery band provided music for dancing on the lawn.

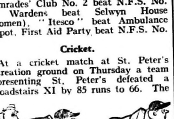
Competitions.

In the first round of the bowls tournament at the Memorial recreation ground on Tuesday, "Itesco" defeated the Wardens and the Council Staff beat Broadstairs Bowling Club.

Results of the first round of the darts competition at the Comrades' Club were: Albion-street Fire Guard beat Home Guard No. 2, Comrades' Club No. 1 beat Home Guard No. 1, Comrades' Club No. 2 beat N.F.S. No. 1, Wardens beat Selwyn House (women), "Itesco" beat Ambulance Depot, First Aid Party beat N.F.S. No. 2.

Cricket.

At a cricket match at St. Peter's recreation ground on Thursday a team representing St. Peter's defeated a Broadstairs XI by 85 runs to 66. The



best all-round performance of the day was by Rhodes (St. Peter's), who scored 30 runs and took 4 wickets for 19 runs.

Scores:

Broadstairs

B. Coleman, b Davis	12
H. Mitchell, b Davis	16
G. Stiggers, b Rhodes	13
K. Mitchell, b Thomas	1
N. Cannon, b Rhodes	1
M. Hodgson, b Rhodes	0
G. Woodward, b Thomas	1
G. Foord, b Thomas	5
Knowles, b Thomas	6
H. Page, b Rhodes	4
S. Winter, not out	4
Extras	3
Total	66

Bowling: Davis, 2 for 16; Thomas, 4 for 9; Rhodes, 4 for 19.

St. Peter's

Sampson, b Coleman	9
Lawrence, b Coleman	2
Self, b Coleman	0
Thompson, b Coleman	12
Davis, b Mitchell	15
Rhodes, b Coleman	30
Trant, b Coleman	0
Inge, b Coleman	0
Meredith, not out	3
Salisbury, b Coleman	2
Marchant, b Stiggers	0
Extras	12
Total	85

Bowling: Coleman, 8 for 20; Mitchell, 1 for 14; Stiggers, 1 for 3.

Versatile Dancers.

There was a good attendance at a performance given by the Herne Bay Entertainers at the Garden-on-the-Sands Pavilion on Thursday evening. For the past two years this concert party has been entertaining troops in all parts of south-east Kent. The show was compered by George Allen and the programme included a performance by the Personality Girls, described as Kent's most versatile dance team. Others who contributed to an enjoyable evening were Sheila Honey, Horace Baines, the Gannon Sisters, Pte. G. Davies, Alfred Jones, Edith Saunders, Josie Warber, Pauline Sedgley, Beryl May, Lilian Heaton, Margot Cooke, Dorothy Wass, Rosemary Charlton and Alfred Hill.

Distributing the prizes at an open-air whist drive organised by Capt. C. C. Wallace, M.C., M.M., at Pierremont Park on Friday, Councillor Pearson referred to the excellent support accorded the week by the residents. Throughout the week attendances had been far beyond expectations and this fact showed, without doubt, that the venture had been appreciated. The chairman expressed thanks to the organisers of the various events, mentioning especially Mr. L. C. Beake for his work as general secretary.

Children's Sports.

One of the most attractive and successful events of the week was the children's sports, held at St. Peter's recreation ground on Saturday afternoon.

There were about three hundred parents and friends present and the company included the Chairman of the Council (Councillor B. J. Pearson) and Mrs. Pearson, Councillors B. Humphrey and H. Noble, the Rector of Broadstairs (Rev. C. H. Bailey), Rev. Father W. Emery, and Rev. R. D. d'E. Meredith, priest-in-charge of St. Peter's.

The prizes, in the form of savings stamps, were distributed by Mrs. Pearson, and in addition each winning competitor was presented with a threepenny piece.

The judges and officials included Mr. L. C. Beak, Mr. T. O. Studd, Mr. B. J. Brown, Miss Wiles and Miss Butcher.

Children from five schools—Broadstairs Council and Church Schools, St. Peter's, St. Andrew's, Reading Street, and Haddon Dene—took part in the sports.

Councillor Pearson thanked all who had helped to organise the week, and said it had shown what Broadstairs could do. The week had proved a great success and he hoped another would be held shortly.

Councillor Pearson thanked particularly Mr. Studd and other teachers who had been responsible for arranging the sports.

The results were as follows:

50 yards, boys and girls aged 5—1, Henry Booth; 2, Michael Doyle; 3, Pat Johnson.

75 yards, boys and girls, 6 and 7—1, David Streatfield; 2, Alan Sladden; 3, Robert Holten.

100 yards, 8 and 9, boys—1, Jimmy Haddon; 2, Ronald King; 3, Derek Avery. Girls—1, Daphne Jenson; 2, Sylvia Gill; 3, Dorine Smith. 10 and 11, boys—1, Alan Newnham; 2, Peter Markwick; 3, Derek Shersby. Girls—1, Audrey Ballard; 2, Lily Brazil; 3, June Whiteing. 12 to 14, boys—1, Alan Pritchard; 2, Derek Page; 3, George Brenchley. Girls—1, Ethel Emms; 2, Mary Alexander; 3, Winnie Gilham.

Egg and spoon race, junior, boys—1, Henry Greenstein; 2, Gerald Whiteing; 3, Edward Booth. Girls—1, Audrey Ballard; 2, Roma White; 3, Mary Silk. Senior, boys—1, Henry Laslett; 2, Eric Brett; 3, William Brazil. Girls—1, Joan Sandy; 2, Margaret Neal; 3, Joan Darby.

Potato race, boys and girls, 5—1, Brian Jones; 2, David Haddon; 3, Michael Doyle. 6 and 7—1, David Streatfield; 2, David Brazil; 3, Ian Wilkinson.

Skipping race, girls, junior—1, Audrey Ballard; 2, June Whiteing; 3, Cynthia Bowers. Senior—1, Mary Alexander; 2, Betty Fowler; 3, Eileen Walker.

Sack race, boys—1, Kenneth Saffery; 2, Michael Sergeant; 3, Alan Pritchard.

Three-legged race, boys—1, Jimmy Lawrence and Ronald King; 2, Derek Avery and Leslie Sergeant; 3, Cyril Smith and John Gifford.

Wooden block race, girls—1, Audrey Allen; 2, Audrey Ruffles; 3, Roma White. Boys—1, Keith Chrystal; 2, Derek Avery; 3, Henry Greenstein.

Catching the train race, girls—1, Mary Alexander; 2, Betty Cayley; 3, Pat McNally. Boys—1, Alan Pritchard; 2, Derek Page; 3, Alfred Gifford.

Slow bicycle race, girls—1, Queenie England; 2, Cynthia Bowers; 3, Eileen Walker. Boys—1, Jimmy Haddon; 2, Kenneth Jones; 3, Peter Doyle.

The week was brought to a close on Monday evening with a physical training display by the Thanet Squadron of the Air Training Corps at the Garden-

Doll Competition Winner.

The doll competition organised by the local W.V.S. realised £10 10s. 6d. The doll, presented by a big London store, was dressed by Mrs. Lowe. It was handed to the winner, Miss D. Howard, of 23 Grosvenor-road, by Councillor B. J. Pearson.

The ladies of the W.V.S. assisted in many directions during the week and attended with the mobile canteen at both cricket matches and also at the children's sports.

on-the-Sands Pavilion.

Councillor Pearson was chairman of the Brighter Broadstairs Week Committee and serving under him were Miss O. M. Vyse, Councillors B. Humphrey, H. Noble and G. W. Lane, Rev. R. D. d'E. Meredith, Dr. R. Riley, Mr. A. T. Tucker and Mr. F. Walker. A special word of praise is due to the organising secretary, Mr. L. C. Beak, who devoted to the week his specialised knowledge and customary enthusiasm.

Interesting Sale.—The wide range of interests of the late Mr. W. H. Sandom is reflected in the contents of Leinster Lodge, 14 York-terrace, Ramsgate, which will be offered for sale by auction by Messrs. Scarlett and Goldsack on Thursday and Friday, 9th and 10th July. Among the articles catalogued are several musical instruments, nine fishing rods, and ships lamps and compasses in addition to the substantial furniture of the house.

Black-out To-day 11.6 p.m.—5.1 a.m.

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NAVAL AIRMAN HELPED BY MATE'S SUGGESTION

Dear Sirs,—For quite a long time I had been suffering from very severe headaches. A mate of mine suggested 'ASPROS' so whenever I had an attack I took them. After a very short time I was completely free from these headaches.—I remain, Yours sincerely,
R. G. M. (Fleet Air Arm).

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H. S., of Warrington, Lancs., writes:—"I feel it is my duty to let you know of the benefit I have derived from 'ASPRO' tablets. I have recently undergone an operation in the Warrington Infirmary and have had a cyst removed from my throat and was discharged a fortnight ago. The operation was quite successful in itself but the pains I still experienced in the damaged nerve centres of my head and neck were intense, and sleep was quite out of the question.

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WOMEN'S CHAT

EXTRA EGGS

From this week, pure dried egg from America will be available to the public. This is excellent news for the British housewife, for eggs are good body-building food and can be used to help out with the meat ration.

Each package contains 12 eggs in powder form and costs 1s. 9d., which works out at 1½d. an egg. These eggs can be used for practically everything eggy except boiled eggs in the shell.

How to Mix.

One level tablespoonful of powdered egg with two tablespoonsful of water make up one egg.

Put the dried egg into a bowl, pour on the water, see that all the powder is pushed right down under the water and allow it to stand for five minutes until the powder has absorbed the moisture. If there are any little dry lumps of powder left, work them out with the wooden spoon against the side of the bowl, then whisk or beat with a fork as you would do a shell egg.

After reconstituting the egg, use it at once. Do not make up more than you need for one time. Put the lid back on the tin immediately after having taken out the required amount of egg and put the tin away in a cool, dry place.

Method of Cooking.

Use the reconstituted egg exactly as you would fresh eggs in the recipes, beating as usual before adding to the other ingredients.

Scrambled Egg.

1 reconstituted egg
½ oz. margarine
1 tablespoonful of milk
Salt and pepper

Melt the margarine in a saucepan, beat the egg and milk together, add to the melted margarine, season and cook slowly over a gentle heat. Dish up immediately the mixture is creamy but firm.

Omelette.

2 reconstituted eggs
½-¾ oz. of margarine or cooking fat
Salt and pepper

Beat the egg, make the fat very hot in the pan, pour in the egg and work with a fork in the usual manner. Fold over and serve immediately.

Bacon and Egg Pie.

1 reconstitnuted egg
2 rashers of grilled bacon
8 ozs. potato pastry
½ oz. breadcrumbs
Salt and pepper

Beat the egg. Line a plate with half the pastry. Mix the egg, crumbs and chopped bacon together. Pour on to the plate, season with pepper, cover with the rest of the pastry. Bake in a moderate oven for half an hour.

Steamed Custard.

2 reconstituted eggs
½ pint of milk
1 dessertspoonful of sugar
Flavouring

Beat the egg and sugar, add the milk and flavouring. Pour into a greased mould, or basin. Steam in a saucepan until set. Stir occasionally.

MARGATE

Light at Midnight.—Frank Pontifex, manager of the Queen's Head Hotel, Margate, was fined £1 at Margate police court on Wednesday for permitting a light to show at midnight on 11th June. Defendant said the light came from an unoccupied bedroom and he thought visitors to the hotel must have switched it on by mistake.

Wedding.—The wedding took place recently at St. John's Church, Margate, between Miss Betty May Huckstep, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Huckstep, of Union-crescent, Margate, and Gnr. Lewis William Weymouth, son of Mrs. and the late Mr. W. Weymouth, of Bromley Common, Kent. The Rev. A. Mapson officiated and Mr. Douglas Saker was best man.

HOT WEATHER MEALS

This has been a very late season and we had to wait an unexpectedly long time before our lettuces, spring onions and other saladings were ready for the table. They were all the more welcome because of their lateness and we are now revelling in delightfully light meals, exactly suited to our requirements in warm weather. With the peas and French beans well on the way, together with the carrot thinnings, we shall soon be able to live on a vegetarian diet with just a minimum of meat to provide essential animal protein.

These light summer meals suffer from one defect, however; they are not concentrated, and so to obtain all the nourishment needed for the maintenance of health, energy and physical fitness a considerable bulk must be consumed. If they are accompanied by a highly concentrated food this defect is remedied, and for this reason it is suggested that no additional item proves more satisfactory than that ever-popular food beverage Ovaltine.

This, the supreme food beverage, is a complete food in itself, and being so concentrated only a little is required to make the lightest of light meals satisfy the needs of the system. Ovaltine is also completely digestible, while it increases the digestibility of other foods taken in conjunction with it and makes them much more nourishing. And it is such an economical addition that it can easily be afforded by every housewife.

For your health's sake make it your regular mealtime beverage, and if events should cause meals to be delayed unduly you will find a cupful carries you over as will no other beverage.

RAMSGATE

Estimates for Removal or Storage.—Hardings, 3 Staffordshire-street, Turner-street, Ramsgate.

Whist Drives held every evening at the Ramsgate Working Men's Club, Chatham-place, at 7 p.m.

Ramsgate Bequests.—The late Miss E. J. Ekins, formerly of Ramsgate, who left estate valued at £7,891, bequeathed £100 each to Ramsgate General Hospital and the Salvation Army children's home.

Town Ball.—Another of the popular town balls is to be held at the West Cliff Theatre, Ramsgate, on Thursday, 9th July. Music will be supplied by Frederic Hargraves and his orchestra.

Whist Drives every Thursday at 7 p.m., at the Gymnasium, Clarendon House, Ramsgate, in aid of Red Cross Fund and Mayor's Services Comforts Fund alternatively. Admission 1s. Good prizes.

Things We are Wanting to Buy—Old Gold, Silver and Silver Plated goods, Field Glasses and Jewellery, and we offer good prices. Prosser and Newbery, 48 Queen-street, Ramsgate.

Boy's Fall.—Jerome Buckley, aged eight years, of Bellevue-road, Ramsgate, was admitted to Ramsgate General Hospital on Tuesday suffering from a lacerated leg sustained as a result of a fall on the foreshore at Broadstairs. He was detained.

Mrs. Temple's Visit.—Mrs. Temple, wife of the Archbishop of Canterbury, is to open an evening garden party to be held at the Vicarage, Grove-road, Ramsgate, on Thursday, 9th July. It will be preceded in the afternoon by an open-air whist drive.

BROADSTAIRS

National Savings.—Savings in Broadstairs for the week ended 20th June were £547, made up of £162 in savings certificates, £10 in defence bonds and an increase of £375 due to depositors in the Post Office savings bank.

Mothers' Union.—An address was given by the Rev. G. Browne, Rector of Buckland, at the "quiet day" for all Thanet branch committees of the Mothers' Union, held at Holy Trinity Church, Broadstairs, on Wednesday.

Naval Wedding.—Writer Charles Henry Elkington, R.N.V.R., son of Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Elkington, of Luton-avenue, Broadstairs, was married at St. Mary Abbot's Church, Kensington, recently, to Miss Barbara Thomas, daughter of Mrs. E. M. Thomas, of Kensington.

Old Comrades' Whist.—Winners at the weekly whist drive of the Broadstairs branch of the Royal Naval Old Comrades' Association were Mr. Strathful, Miss Jenkins, Mrs. Strathful, Mr. Maxted, Mrs. Fowler and Mr. Pointer. A special prize was won by Pte. Glover, and Mr. Lawrence was M.C.

Good Templar Manuscript.—Mrs. O. E. Fennell, Chief Templar, presided at the weekly meeting of the Star of the East Lodge, I.O.G.T., Broadstairs, on Tuesday, when the members were instructed and entertained by the summer edition of the Thanet Templar Manuscript Magazine, read by the editor, Mr. E. A. Knight, P.D.C.T. A very fine editorial was of special interest and brought forth well merited praise from Mrs. L. A. Ware, D.D.M., and Mr. T. E. McCabe, L.D., who expressed thanks on behalf of the lodge. Mrs. Knight, P.D.V.T., complimented the lodge on their efforts in maintaining regular meetings at such a high standard, and messages and greetings were received from a number of absent friends, including Gnr. R. H. Whiteley, Middle East Forces. The intercession service was conducted by the lodge chaplain, Mr. A. B. Impett, P.D.S.J.W.

NINE MONTHS IN NAVY

MARGATE MAN'S DEATH

Ord. Smn. Peter Godden, R.N., youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Godden, of 3 Hengrove-cottages, Shottendane-road, Margate, who joined his first ship in December, has been killed on war service.

Nineteen years of age, O/S Godden is an old boy of Garlinge School and was employed by a Margate butcher before joining the Navy in September last year.

On Saturday his mother received a telegram from the Admiralty stating that he had been killed on war service.

Mr. and Mrs. Godden have two other sons with H.M. Forces. Cpl. Arthur Godden is serving with the R.A.S.C. and Stkr. Stephen Godden, who took part in the action against the German battleship Bismarck, is serving on a destroyer.

FUNERAL OF MR. R. T. PURSEY

The funeral took place at Margate Cemetery on Wednesday of Mr. Ronald Thomas Pursey, B.Sc., aged 31, son of Mrs. and the late Mr. T. J. Pursey, of Northdown-avenue, Margate, who received fatal injuries when caught up in machinery in a Kent mill at which he had been working.

The interment was preceded by a service at St. Mary's Church, Northdown, conducted by the Rev. H. R. Anderson.

The mourners were Mrs. Pursey (widow), Mrs. Pursey (mother), 2nd-Lt. D. H. Pursey, R.A. (brother), Mrs. W. Morgan (aunt), Miss B. L. Morgan (cousin), Mr. R. Cockran (brother-in-law), Miss W. Slocombe, Mrs. Lewis, Miss Muriel Lewis, Miss Brandon, Miss Spredbury and Mrs. Markey (friends), and representatives of the Micanite and Insulators Co. Ltd., by whom Mr. Pursey was engaged.

FRONT LINE BOWLERS

TRIPLES AND PAIRS COMPETITIONS AT RAMSGATE

"Front line" bowlers are invited to take part in triples and pairs competitions to be held at the St. Lawrence Cliffs Green, Ramsgate.

Although within sight and sound of enemy-occupied territory, good use is being made of Ramsgate's beautiful Cumberland turf greens but transport difficulties have precluded the organisation of many matches.

National savings bowls drives were run successfully last year and this summer it has been decided to hold triples and pairs competitions, in which all Thanet bowlers are invited to take part.

The draw will take place on Monday next, and entries should be sent to Mr. B. E. Bushell, 72 Ellington-road, or to the groundsman at the green.

DANE PARK COMPETITIONS

In an evening match against Margate Police, Dane Park won by 76 shots to 44.

Dane Park

H. J. Bayley, G. Pyle, S. Ovenden, W. Paine	21
E. E. Amos, B. N. Wells, S. R. King, F. Barnes	31
H. Foster, G. W. Solly, R. Ovenden, W. R. Rickon	24

Police

D/C F. Tinson, P/C W. Miller, Sgt. E. Taylor, Sgt. J. C. May	15
P/C Whitton, P/C G. Stoneham, P/C T. Wood, Sgt. H. Sutherland	20
P/C A. Luckhurst, W/R C. Wailing, Sgt. E. Norris, Sgt. J. Galer	9

Results of singles competitions matches were: C. Arrow 28, B. J. Garraway 15; J. Rhodes 27, A. R. Kennard 15; S. R. King 24, H. Harvey 5; F. Barnes 23, J. J. Lattimore 19. Barnes now enters the semi-final.

In the pairs competition E. Makepeace and J. Simpson 22 beat C. J. Amos and W. H. Paine 13; and E. E. Amos and B. J. Garraway 23 beat E. E. Pettett and G. Pyle 19. Amos and Garraway are in the semi-final.

The present Aces, E. E. Pettett, W. H. Paine and E. T. Marshall, have won their last four matches. In their last three games they beat Mrs. Powell, J. A. Simpson and A. R. Kennard 21—17, C. J. Amos, G. W. Solly and A. J. Munday 29—14, and E. E. Amos, R. Ovenden and W. R. Rickon 19—15.

Sir Frank Goldstone, who before the war was prominently associated with Margate Bowling Club, visited Margate recently and had a chat with many old bowling friends.

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CRICKET

GUNNERS' EASY VICTORY

Broadstairs Cricket Club were soundly beaten when they entertained a Royal Artillery XI at St. Peter's recreation ground on Sunday.

Whaley (14) was the only double-figure contributor towards the Broadstairs total of 36, Westercott capturing 5 wickets for 19 runs.

First at the crease for the Artillery, W. Williams was undefeated with 66 when stumps were drawn with the score at 154 for 6 wickets.

Broadstairs

B. Coleman, lbw b Westercott	1
H. Mitchell, lbw b Rumble	0
T. Thomas, c Williams b Rumble	6
G. Jones, c Swan b Westercott	0
J. Whaley, b Westercott	14
R. McCutcheon, lbw b Westercott	1
V. Solley, c Williams b Sharrock	2
K. Mitchell, b Sharrock	2
T. Saunders, b Westercott	7
E. Knowles, c Curlow b Sharrock	3
G. Foord, not out	0
Total	36

Bowling: Rumble, 2 for 7; Westercott, 5 for 19; Sharrock, 3 for 10.

R.A.

W. Williams, not out	66
Montfort, b Thomas	1
Cowen, b Thomas	3
Curlow, c Thomas b Foord	21
Sharrock, b Foord	8
Swan, b Foord	4
Tindell, b Thomas	45
Extras	6
Total (for 6 wkts.)	154

Bowling: Thomas, 3 for 40; Foord, 3 for 26.

DOG THAT STRAYED

TOO MUCH FOR BROADSTAIRS SISTERS

After she had been warned by the police that the animal must be kept under control, Ada Rosina Norris, of Edge End-road, Broadstairs, was fined 5s. at the Cinque Ports police court, Margate, on Monday, for allowing the dog to stray on allotment land.

P/C Taylor said defendant told him she sent the dog out to meet her sister but it did not return with her. It was the first time the dog had been out except on a lead since she was warned by the police to keep it under control.

Defendant said the railings at the front of her house had been taken away and there was no back garden for the dog. "It is a big dog and is a lot for two old people," she said, "but we must have something for protection. We have tried it on a lead since we were warned but it drags us to pieces."

PRISONER IN JAP HANDS

Son of Mr. and Mrs. G. Sayer, of 12 Alexandra-terrace, Tivoli-road, Margate, L/Cpl. Edward William Sayer, who was reported missing when Hong Kong was captured, is included in the first official list of prisoners of war recieved from Japanese sources.

Joining the Royal Artillery about eight years ago, L/Cpl. Sayer was later transferred to the Corps of Military Police and had been serving in Hong Kong for about four years. He is an old boy of Salmestone School.

Second son of Mr. C. Ansell, of 38 Ethelbert-road, Margate, Sig. G. E. Ansell has been reported missing at Singapore since 15th February.

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BIRTHS

Ovenden.—18th June, at 28 Sydney-road, Ramsgate, the wife of Norman Ovenden, of a son.

Terry.—16th June, at Watford, to Edith Mary (née Strover), wife of Cpl. P. W. Terry, R.A.F., a son (Maurice John).

MARRIAGES

Brown—Abnett.—20th June, at St. Peter's Church, Maidstone, by the Rev. Cooper, Arthur Edward Douglas Brown, of Broadstairs, to Betty Abnett, of Maidstone.

Elkington—Thomas.—20th June, at St. Mary Abbot's Church, Kensington, Charles Henry Elkington, of Broadstairs, to Barbara Thomas, of Kensington.

Jones—Butler.—23rd June, at St. Peter's Church, Thanet, Cedric Lloyd Jones, of Chiswick, to Lilian Butler, of St. Peter's.

Mackay—Hobday.—20th June, at Holy Trinity Methodist Church, Abingdon, Berks, Harold William Mackay, of Abingdon, to Edith Ellen Hobday, of Margate.

Power—Gibson.—27th June, at Whitstable, Stanley Power, of Birchington, to Hope Gibson, of Whitstable.

Waymouth—Huckstep.—20th June, at St. John's Church, Margate, Gnr. Lewis Waymouth, R.A., of Bromley, to Betty Huckstep, of Margate.

Ward—Dudley.—20th June, at St. Peter's Church, Kingston-on-Thames, C/Q/M/S Noel Donald Ward, Royal Corps of Signals, to Mary Patricia Dudley.

DEATHS

George.—28th June, Ada George, widow of William Alfred George, of 153 Margate-road, Ramsgate, aged 72 years.

Cullen.—23rd June, at Margate General Hospital, Harold Drewry Cullen, aged 54 years.

Dillistone.—23rd June, at the Crown and Sceptre, Acol, Harry Dillistone, aged 49 years.

Dutton.—16th June, at Coulsdon, Walter Vernon Dutton, of Ramsgate, aged 51 years.

Nash.—23rd June, at Marlyn, Shurlock-row, near Reading, Berks, David Nash, aged 77 years.

Roberts.—23rd June, Margaret Annie Roberts, of 18 Westbrook-road, Margate, aged 71 years.

Spratling.—19th June, at Pembury Hospital, Clarice Spratling, of 1 Elmstone-road, Ramsgate, aged 51 years.

IN MEMORIAM

Stephens.—In loving memory of our darling Cecil, who was drowned at Highoffley, Stafford, 20th June, 1941.—Never forgotten by Mummy, Daddy, Nanny, Grandad, Auntie Winnie.—Morghew Farm-cottages, Tenterden.

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